

City of Santa Fe Small Business of the Year Award

Nomination Form

The City of Santa Fe invites nominations for the 2005 Santa Fe Small Business of the Year Award. This award, to be presented by the Mayor and City Council, is intended to recognize an outstanding small business in the city of Santa Fe. Any locally owned, for-profit business with employees is eligible for the award. Self nominations are welcome, or you can nominate your favorite local business.

Name of Business

Business Operator

Job Title

Address

City/State

ZIP

Phone

FAX

E-Mail

Please provide a brief description of the business being nominated, including the types of products and/or services provided.

Please submit a nomination letter (*two typed pages maximum*) that addresses the nominee's qualifications in light of the criteria below. Don't be shy – tell us what it is about this business that makes them the Santa Fe Small Business of the Year. The award winner will be chosen by a selection committee consisting of representatives of small businesses, labor organizations, educators and civic organizations. The award will be presented at the June 8th, 2005 City Council Session and the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce's Business Excellence Awards Banquet on June 9th, 2005.

AWARD CRITERIA

City of Santa Fe Resolution # 2004-32, which created the award, established the following criteria for selecting the award winner:

- Locally owned business.
- For-profit business with employees.
- Job creation.
- Pay scales that are higher than industry average and are equal to or exceed Living Wage levels.
- Career advancement, as demonstrated by training and promoting from within.
- Good benefits, such as health, retirement, annual and family leave.
- Family friendly policies, including flex time for childcare and family emergencies.
- Community involvement - the level of participation in schools, community events and non-profits.
- Inspirational and visionary – the whole business operates at a level that inspires others – they have a vision that goes beyond “business as usual”.
- Diversity of the work force.

Nomination deadline is 2:00 p.m., May 27, 2005. Submit nominations (or any questions) to:

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